

Applications

Commissioned Officers or service sponsored civilians in the U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, and the U. S. Public Health Service with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing may apply. Acceptance is contingent upon approval of the sponsoring agency or service.

The application is posted on the USU web site at www.usuhs.mil. Select the icon Graduate School of Nursing, download the application and mail to the registrar.

Admission Criteria:

- Target GPA and Science GPA of 3.0 or above. All applicants must demonstrate ability to perform graduate level science work.
- Recommended preparation:
Two years nursing practice experience.
Nurse Anesthesia: One year in an acute care setting with advanced physiological monitoring.
Family Nurse Practitioner: Ambulatory/outpatient experience.
Perioperative Clinical Nurse Specialist: Two years as a perioperative nurse.
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner: Two years as a psychiatric nurse.
- GRE scores within 5 years of application, target score: verbal 500/ quantitative 500.
- Three letters of reference are needed from the following: an immediate supervisor; a person in your chain of command; an optional source who is able to assess your potential for success. Nurse anesthesia applicants must have a letter from a military CRNA.
- The personal statement should include a history of professional experiences and future goals.
- Application submission dates are scheduled to coincide with Service Selection Boards:

**1 JUL – Army, Air Force, Navy,
Public Health Service**

There are no tuition costs or fees. Students incur obligated service according to the requirements of their sponsoring organization.

Accreditation

The USU is accredited by the Commission of Higher Education, Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

- All MSN programs are accredited by:
The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).
- The Nurse Anesthesia Program is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA).



For more information, contact:

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Web: www.usuhs.mil/gsn/index.html

Mission

The Graduate School of Nursing is a diverse, interdisciplinary community providing the nation with the highest quality advanced practice nurse clinicians, scientists and scholars dedicated to Federal health service.

Vision

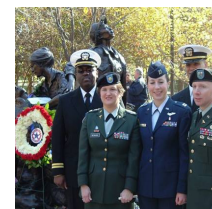
The premier nursing education and research graduate school innovative in serving the needs of the Federal health system



UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY
of the Health Sciences

Graduate School of Nursing

Masters of Science in Nursing Options



The Graduate School of Nursing (GSN) at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) is focused on preparing health care professionals for practice, administration, research and education in Military and Federal Health Care Systems. The University is located in Bethesda, Maryland on the spacious grounds of the National Naval Medical Center, across the street from the National Institutes of Health and the National Library of Medicine.

Established by Congressional action in 1993, the GSN's mission is derived from the mission statement of the USU. The GSN is dedicated to a quality and unique education that prepares advanced practice nurses, scientists and leaders to deliver care and services during peace, war, and other contingencies. Outstanding faculty and staff provide the Nation with nursing professionals dedicated to a career of service to the Uniformed Services and federal agencies.

Our signature curriculum is designed to include practice, research and educational experiences relevant to both military operation and federal health care. The curriculum has three focused research and practice areas: Operational Readiness in the Changing Environment, Clinical Decision-Making in the Federal Health Care Delivery System and Global, Environmental, Cultural and Political Context, with cross cutting emphasis on patient safety, leadership & health policy, evidenced based practice/research, transition of technology to practice & education and health promotion for warriors & families.

The GSN masters curriculum prepares advanced practice nurses in both acute and primary care settings. The curriculum is designed to foster professional development, enhance clinical expertise, support patient teaching, and stimulate clinically relevant research. Program encompasses cutting-edge didactic components; clinical rotations, and a scholarly project. Consequently, the GSN graduate is uniquely prepared to contribute to the uniformed services health care system, military readiness, and the support of disaster relief and humanitarian assistance.

MSN Program Options

Family Nurse Practitioner

Full time status over 24-months. The course of study includes laboratory and clinical experiences coordinated to complement role development and integration of didactics. Clinical rotations are coordinated to enhance the skills of the students in specialty areas, primarily in military treatment facilities.

Nurse Anesthesia

Full time status over 30 months in two phases. Phase I is composed of 12-months of didactic and lab experiences. Phase II is 18-months with a focus on the application of science and research to clinical anesthesia. Clinical rotations are conducted primarily at military hospitals.

Perioperative Clinical Nurse Specialist

Full time status over 24-months. Laboratory and clinical experiences are coordinated to complement role development and integration of didactics. Clinical rotations are conducted primarily at military hospitals with focused preceptorships to enhance specialty preparation.

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Full time status over 24 months. Course of study utilizes didactic and life-span case study approach in the development of critical thinking skills. Curriculum incorporates operational readiness with evidence-based clinical decision-making processes to optimize positive mental health outcomes.

If you are a commissioned officer or service sponsored civilian with a commitment to our Nation's health, well being and security . . .

USU GSN is the right place for you!

Excellent resources enhance the GSN learning environment:

Faculty and Clinical Resources

- GSN faculty are recognized for teaching expertise, leadership and research.
- Thirty-four faculty and 81 adjunct faculty members have an exceptional blend of experience in the military and/or the federal health system.
- Adjunct faculty members provide valuable experience across services and disciplines.
- Faculty coordinate established clinical practicum rotations.
- Scholarly projects are conducted in an interdisciplinary environment.
- Bushmaster field exercise.

Advances in Technology

- A state-of-the-art simulation center specializes in advanced technologies.
- Students develop competence in interview and assessment of standardized patients.
- The human patient simulator provides realistic training experiences to enhance clinical decision-making and problem solving for complex situations.
- Virtual reality lectures and cadaver laboratory experiences are designed for advanced clinical decision making.
- Skeletons and microscopes are made available for independent study.

Library and Reference Material

The school's location enables ready access to extensive national library resources at USU, National Institute of Health, National Naval Medical Center, and the National Library of Medicine.